

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

You're here for a reason

Listen to what the Apostle Paul shares with the folks in Athens in Acts 17: 22f. ***“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place; that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way towards him and find him, yet He is actually not far from each of us.”***

One of the greatest comforts I have is knowing that God has predetermined how long I will inhabit this earth as well as where I'll live. If you think about it, God destined us to live in HIS world for a certain allotted time to seek Him. It's comical to think that folks attempt to claim independence by determining their own lot in life. God purposefully placed us here at this time in history to not only seek him but to share Him with others. Just as God has predetermined *our* dwelling place and the amount of time we'll be here, he has also determined this for all of mankind.

Our reason for living should be HIS purpose for putting us here in the first place! Share this truth with someone you care for. Let them know God has predetermined their existence in order that they might seek Him, know Him, love Him and serve Him. It's one of the greatest gift God has afforded us.

Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you!
Kevin

Baptism

We would like to congratulate Buck Osborne on his decision to be baptized this past week. We are so happy for your decision and welcome you to the family of Christ here at Whitehall!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Bart Mayhorn has received good news from his latest doctors visit. Other than dealing with an upper respiratory infection, he is in great health!
- ♥Joan Lough continues to suffer with dementia and sundowners. Please pray for Joan, and her daughters and sons as they care for her.
- ♥Susie Cooper (friend of Judy Securro). up and coming procedure and is in need of prayers.
- ♥Sharon Hewitt (cousin of Linda Huber) is doing better but still needs prayers.
- ♥Victoria Hoffman 's foster baby (Peyton) has RSV which is a very serious & contagious respiratory infection.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Janet Anderson (friend of Phil and Jean). Janet has fallen and has incurred broken bones.
- ♥ Buck Osborne gave his life to Jesus by taking him on in baptism recently. Buck continues to struggle with his health. Keep him in your prayers.
- ♥Please lift up Sharon Little in your prayers as she goes through her cancer treatments
- ♥Pam Jackson began her cancer treatments and things are progressing well. Pray for her, Tim and their children as she moves toward remission.
- ♥Brendon Crites and Kaylee Lanning (grandchildren of Tommy & Karen Tucker) are suffering with serious health issues and are in need of our prayers. Also keep Kaylee 's daddy, Jeremy Lanning in your prayers as his health continues to decline.
- ♥Please continue to keep the following your prayers: Gerry Wyer (Dianne Tonkery's mother), Joann Hall, Phil Phillips, Doris Freeman, Noah Miller, Jr., Sharon Little, Nicholas Lough, Edwina Summers, Margaret Brand, Dallas Shaffer and Rolly Sullivan.

News & Notes

Covered Dish Luncheon – We will be having a Covered Dish Luncheon TODAY immediately following the morning service. Everyone is welcome!! There will not be evening services.

Valentine Dinner – There will be a Valentine Dinner on Friday, February 10th at 6:30 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. More info coming soon!

Marriage Retreat – February 24th and 25th . Please fill out the Registration Form that is enclosed in this week's bulletin if you would like to go and return it to Kevin ASAP. For more info, please see Kevin or Mary Lough.

Overheard in the Trees

*Said the sparrow to the robin, “I should really like to know,
Why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so?”
Said the robin to the sparrow, “Friend, I think it must be,
That they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and me.”*

-Unknown